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BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Special Services Reform)

Docket No. MC96-3

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POSTMASTERS OF THE UNITED STATES INTERROGATORIES TO USPS WITNESS ASHLEY LYONS (NAPUS/USPS-T1-1-4) (July 31, 1996)

Pursuant to Sections 25 and 26 of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate

Commission, the National Association of Postmasters of the United States (NAPUS) hereby submits the attached interrogatories to USPS Witness Ashley Lyons. If the designated witness is not able to answer, NAPUS requests that these questions be redirected to the appropriate witness.

Respectfully Submitted,

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NAPUS/USPS -T1-1. Your testimony states that, in offices where there is no carrier delivery option, boxholders will not be charged anything. How much annual revenue will the Postal Service lose as a result of this policy change?

NAPUS/USPS-T1-2. In offices with rural carrier routes, has the Postal Service done any studies regarding the number of boxholders who may drop their boxes and opt, instead for carrier service? If so, what were the results? If not, why not?

NAPUS/USPS-T1-3. Does the USPS intend to extend rural routes to cover those customers who opt for service but are currently outside the limits of the rural route? Under what circumstances would route be extended?

NAPUS/USPS-T1-4. If box rents are increased at the rate proposed in MC96-3, what is the average percentage increase in box rents which a boxholder would have seen since 1990? Please confirm that your average includes the increases resulting from R90, R94 and the 1995 Reclassification proceeding.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 3.B (3) of the special rules of practice. Hugh Bates Batis

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